



November 2024 Newsletter

Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Morgan, Pike, Schuyler

Friendly Reminders!

*We are expanding our CASA program into Mason, Menard and Scott counties. We are looking for a coordinator for these counties. If interested in the coordinator position contact CASA manager, Brittany Durst at bdurst@advonet.org

*We are always in need of CASA volunteers for all counties. Along with the county expansion we are now needing CASA volunteers in Mason, Menard and Scott Counties. If interested in volunteering in these counties reach out to CASA recruiter, Erica Parrish at eparrish@advonet.org

Sorry
WE'RE
CLOSED

November 11, 2024
Veteran's Day

November 28, 2024
Thanksgiving Day

November 29, 2024
Thanksgiving Friday



THANKS
for your
SERVICE

Birthdays!

- 4-Allison Sutter
- 10-Brooke Stokes
- 11-Beth White
- 12-Gloria Davis
- 14-Angela VanBrooker
- 17-Bob Bergman
- 24-Joni McLees
- 24-John Roth
- 29-Anne Meyer

Enjoy your
day!

Adams, Pike, Brown, Cass, Schuyler Counties

No Noon Networking see you
in December!!

**Note: Decembers
networking will be Brittany
reviewing Court Report
Writing.**

November

Webinar

Link: [Defining and Recognizing
Vicarious Trauma, Compassion
Fatigue, and Burnout : Recorded
Webinar Registration Forms : On
Demand Training Library : Resource
Library : Illinois CASA](#)

Hancock County

Networking
Topic: Confidentiality
When: November 18th, 2024
Time: 12-1pm
Location: Carthage CASA Office

Morgan County

Networking
Topic: Court Report Writing
When: November 20th, 2024
Time: 12:00pm
Location: Presbyterian Church,
located at 870 W College Ave in
Jacksonville

Example CASA Report

Name of Minor	DOB	Case Number
John Doe	01/01/2001	2024JA01
Jane Doe	02/02/2002	2024JA02

Advocate:

Report Date:

Hearing Date: 01/01/2024 @ 1:00pm

Assessment

John Doe (minor) Start with the child (give some descriptors about the child....(ex: smart, responsible, and bright 8 year old child). Paint a picture to the judge and attorneys of who this child is. Likes and dislikes. If in school what grade and how is school going for the child. You can check in with the school and teachers on attendance, grades, behaviors in school.

*Discuss placement vaguely. If it is a family/fictive kin placement using their full name is appropriate. Otherwise we keep it vague....."Marky is placed with Sam and Ben".....no last names. Can discuss if there are any other kids in the home. How is the bond with the child and the foster parents? Any behavioral issues in the home? Are the foster parents meeting all of the child's needs, ensuring they attend medical appointments, etc?

*Is the child involved in any services such as physical, developmental, occupational, speech, mental health counseling, etc. Is there progress being made in these services?

*Parent/child visitation. How often is it occurring? How are visits going if you have been able to observe visits. If not able to observe we can request visitation notes from the agency and you can also call and speak to the visitation worker.

*If the child is old enough are they reporting anything to you that you feel should be included in your report for the court to know?

Mother's Name (mother) Housing situation and employment.

* Engagement in services in their service plan. Mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, parenting classes/attendance to visitation and reiterate how visitation with the kids is going, etc. Try to point out a positive with the parents; even if it is hard to find one.

*Some parents are not involved but still list them as a parent and say something such as "CASA has had no contact with Bob this reporting period. His whereabouts remain unknown." OR "Bob remains in Graham Correctional Facility and his projected parole date is 12/12/2025."

Father's Name (father) Same layout as mothers section above

Concerns

1. These are based off your information provided above in the parties sections

Recommendations

1. These are based off the concerns

Respectfully submitted,

Volunteers Name

Volunteers Name

CASA Volunteer

Coordinators Name

Coordinator Name

CASA Coordinator

Cc: Judge Wooleyhan
State's Attorney's Office – Jennifer Conover
GAL Attorney – Kent Dean
Mother's Attorney –
Father's Attorney –
Caseworker –